THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Data in respect of reluctance of witnessess to testify on account of intimidation though highlighted off and on, is not maintained. The Law Commission of India in its 198th Report on 'Witness Identity Protection and Witness Protection Programme' has suggested comprehensive review of witness protection. Since, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India this requires consultation with State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Report has been referred to all the State Government and Union Territories Administrator for their comments/views. No time frame can be fixed in this regard.

**Pending cases of pension to freedom fighters**

2075. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending cases for sanction of pension to the freedom fighters;

(b) the proposals to sanction these pensions;

(c) since many people have died and only a few are at the end of their lives, whether Government is taking any steps to speed up the process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) Receipt and disposal of applications for grant of freedom Fighters' pension is a continuing process. No record of applications, which are received directly from the applicants or without verification reports of the State Governments, is maintained. However, 256 applications, which have been received through the State Governments with their verification reports, were under process as on 29th February, 2008. In addition, 355 cases pertaining to Goa Liberation Movement (Phase-II) were also under process as on 29th February, 2008. Effects are made to dispose off such cases expeditiously.

**Compulsory hoisting of national flag in educational institutes**

†2076. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to enact any law which would bind all educational institutes of the country to hoist National Flag on Independence day and Republic day;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government intends to bring such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

**Sanctioned strength of state police forces**

†2077. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of State Police forces in various States;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the unfilled vacancies in these forces at present;

(c) the action taken to fill up such vacancies;

(d) the present ratio of Police and population in the country; and

(e) the present ratio of Police and population in our neighbouring countries as well as in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As the "Police" and "law & order" are State subjects as per the VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, it is for concerned State Government(s) to adequately equip its police forces in terms of manpower and support infrastructure. As per available information, the details of sanctioned and actual strength of police personnel in various States, as on 31.12.2006, is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below) and the details of police population ratio in India as well as in other countries is enclosed as Statement-II.

***Statement-I***

*Details of sanctioned and actual strength of police personnel in various states as on 31.12.2006*

(as on 31.12.2006)

| Sl.No. | States/UTs | Total Sanctioned Strength | Total Actual Strength |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 87431 | 79296 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 6301 | 5442 |
| 3. | Assam | 55947 | 52049 |
| 4. | Bihar | 74512 | 51623 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 39753 | 30095 |
| 6. | Goa | 3840 | 3522 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 86523 | 83978 |
| 8. | Haryana | 45662 | 34480 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 14690 | 12073 |
| 10. | J&K | 68125 | 59209 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 26467 | 28766 |
| 12. | Karnataka | 62747 | 52052 |
| 13. | Kerala | 46626 | 43544 |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | 76365 | 76365 |
| 15. | Maharashtra | 161697 | 153628 |
| 16. | Manipur | 17361 | 14251 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 10227 | 8930 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 9000 | 7369 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 12219 | 11947 |
| 20. | Orissa | 45156 | 38752 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21. | Punjab | 71927 | 71927 |
| 22. | Rajasthan | 71937 | 65388 |
| 23. | Sikkim | 4070 | 3666 |
| 24. | Tamil Nadu | 98746 | 84240 |
| 25. | Tripura | 25116 | 20302 |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 166975 | 152933 |
| 27. | Uttarakhand | 17839 | 13527 |
| 28. | West Bengal | 94071 | 80571 |
| 29. | A&N Islands | 2901 | 2745 |
| 30. | Chandigarh | 4209 | 4063 |
| 31. | D&N Haveli | 241 | 217 |
| 32. | Daman & Diu | 245 | 222 |
| 33. | Delhi | 62420 | 56433 |
| 34. | Lakshadweep | 349 | 310 |
| 35. | Puducherry | 2507 | 2106 |
| | TOTAL (ALL-INDIA): | 1574202 | 1406021 |

***Statement-II***

*Details of police population ratio in India as well as in other countries*

| Sl.No. | Country | Police personnel per 1 lakh population (2002) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1. | Albania | 381 |
| 2. | Australia | 304 |
| 3. | Austria | 305 |
| 4. | Azerbaijan | 402 |
| 5. | Belgium | 358 |
| 6. | Bolivia | 220 |
| 7. | Canada | 186 |
| 8. | Chile | 193 |
| 9. | Costa Rica | 257 |
| 10. | Croatia | 446 |
| 11. | Cyprus | 618 |
| 12. | Czech Republic | 458 |
| 13. | Denmark | 192 |
| 14. | England & Wales # | 210 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 15. | Finland | 160 |
| 16. | Germany | 303 |
| 17. | Hungary | 287 |
| 18. | Italy | 559 |
| 19. | Japan | 182 |
| 20. | Kuwait | 1116 |
| 21. | Latvia | 442 |
| 22. | Maldives | 105 |
| 23. | Mexico | 492 |
| 24. | Morocco | 142 |
| 25. | Myanmar | 141 |
| 26. | Nepal | 193 |
| 27. | Netherlands | 212 |
| 28. | New Zealand | 182 |
| 29. | Northern Ireland | 591 |
| 30. | Panama | 519 |
| 31. | Philippines | 141 |
| 32. | Poland | 259 |
| 33. | Portugal | 450 |
| 34. | Romania | 208 |
| 35. | Scotland | 302 |
| 36. | South Africa | 224 |
| 37. | Sweden | 181 |
| 38. | Switzerland | 204 |
| 39. | United Kingdom | 258 |
| 40. | USA | 326 |
| 41. | Uruguay | 541 |
| 42. | Venezuela | 16 |
| 43. | India | 126 ** |

# as in 2001.

** As on 31.12.2006.